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SUBJECT: SECVISIT TO LEBANON: PROPOSED AGENDA FOR MEETING
WITH PRESIDENT SARKIS

REF: (A) BEIRUT 0519, (B) STATE 30709

1. DURING MY CALL ON FONMIN BOUTROS FEB 10, HE
AGAIN RAISED QUESTION OF SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED
IN SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SARKIS AND
THEM MENTIONED THE FOLLOWING TOPICS, IN THIS ORDER,
AS POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS.

2. GENEVA MEPC AND "THE MODALITIES OF GOL
PARTICIPATION." DURING THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS,
BOUTROS HAS INDICATED BOTH IN PUBLIC AND IN PRIVATE
THAT HE IS VERY INTERESTED IN HAVING LEBANON
PARTICIPATE IN THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AT SOME
POINT, WITHOUT CALLING INTO QUESTION THE
LEBANESE-ISRAELI FRONTIER, BUT HE HAS NOT
MADE CLEAR JUST WHEN AND HOW. HE WILL WANT
TO DISCUSS THIS WITH THE SECRETARY AND SEEK
USG SUPPORT FOR LEBANESE PARTICIPATION AT
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AN APPROPRIATE MOMENT.

3. SOUTHERN LEBANON. THIS PROBLEM IS OF
GREAT CONCERN TO SARKIS AND BOUTROS AND HAS
TAKEN MOST OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S TIME IN
RECENT WEEKS. HE AND SARKIS CAN BE EXPECTED TO
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO GIVE

HIM A FIRSTHAND EXPLANATION OF THEIR NEED TO ESTABLISH SECURITY AND THE AUTHORITY OF THE LEBANESE GOVT IN THIS AREA.

4. USG ASSISTANCE AND FINANCING FOR LEBANESE RECONSTRUCTION. THE USG ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE \$50 MILLION RELIEF AND REHABILITATION AID PACKAGE FOR LEBANON (REF B) MAY LIMIT THE DISCUSSION OF THIS ITEM, BUT ALL THREE LEBANESE OFFICIALS (SARKIS, AL-HOSS AND BOUTROS) CAN BE EXPECTED TO EMPHASIZE THE POLITICAL AND FINANCIAL IMPORTANCE OF USG SUPPORT OF LEBANON'S RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM.

5. REVIEW OF LEBANESE SITUATION AND ITS "CONNECTIONS WITH POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS AND TRENDS ELSEWHERE IN THE AREA." BOUTROS CAN BE EXPECTED TO EXPLAIN TO THE SECRETARY THE IMPORTANCE TO LEBANON OF A SOLUTION TO THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM. HE MAY ALSO BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS LEBANON'S RELATIONS WITH SYRIA, THE ASF AND THE QUADRIPARTITE COMMITTEE.

6. IN CLOSING, BOUTROS AGAIN MENTIONED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THE INTERNAL LEBANESE POLITICAL PROBLEM (PARA 1-E REFTTEL) PRIVATELY WITH THE SECRETARY DURING THE RIDE TO AND FROM THE BAABDA PALACE.

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